

ARTICLE XXIX CERTIFICATIONS

Section 1. Contract Certification:

(a) Every Player Contract, or any renegotiation, extension or amendment of a Player Contract, entered into during the term of this Agreement shall contain a certification, executed separately by: (i) the person who executed the Player Contract on behalf of the Club, (ii) the player, and (iii) any player representative who negotiated the contract on behalf of the player confirming that the Player Contract, renegotiation, extension or amendment sets forth all components of *the* player's remuneration, for his playing of professional football, from the Club or Club Affiliate and that there are no undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind: (a) involving consideration of any kind to be paid, furnished or made available or *guaranteed* to the player, or Player Affiliate, by the Club or Club Affiliate either *prior to*, during, or *after* the term of the Player Contract; or (b) *concerning terms of any renegotiation and/or extension of any Player Contract by a player subject to a Franchise Player or Transition Player designation.*

(b) In the same certification, the Club, player, and player representative will either confirm that, to the best of their knowledge, no conduct violative of Article XXVIII (Anti-Collusion) took place with respect to the contract, renegotiation, extension or amendment in question, or describe such conduct of which they are aware.

(c) In the same certification, the Club will confirm that any information regarding the negotiation of such contract provided to the Neutral Verifier pursuant to Article XXX (Consultation and Information Sharing), Section 4 was, at the time the information was provided, true and correct in all material respects.

(d) No contract will be approved by the Commissioner unless accompanied by the certifications required by subsections (a), (b), and (c) above.

(e) *Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(a) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XXV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 1 of this Agreement. Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(b) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XXVIII (Anti-collusion) of this Agreement. Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 1(c) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of that provision.*

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Section 2. End of League Year Certification:

(a) At the conclusion of each League Year, the executive primarily responsible for football operations on behalf of each Club shall submit to the Management Council a certification confirming that the Club has not, to the

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extent of his knowledge after reasonable inquiry of all owners and all employees with authority to negotiate Player Contracts, entered into any undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind, as described in Article XXV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 1. Upon receipt of such certification, the Management Council shall forward a copy of the certification to the NFLPA.

(b) At the conclusion of each League Year, each player agent representing a player who was under contract to an NFL Club during that League Year shall submit to the NFLPA a certification confirming, after reasonable inquiry of all personnel in his or her agency with authority to negotiate Player Contracts, that neither he or she nor they has entered into any undisclosed agreements of any kind, express or implied, oral or written, or promises, undertakings, representations, commitments, inducements, assurances of intent, or understandings of any kind, as described in Article XXV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 1. Upon receipt of such certification, the NFLPA shall forward a copy of the certification to the Management Council.

(c) Any failure to execute and submit a certification as required under Section 2(a) or 2(b) above, may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XXV, Section 1 of this agreement.

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(d) At the conclusion of each League Year, the executive primarily responsible for football operations on behalf of each Club shall submit to the Management Council a certification confirming that the Club has not, to the extent of his knowledge after reasonable inquiry of all owners and all employees with authority to negotiate Player Contracts, violated the terms of Article XXVIII (Anti-Collusion), Section 1, nor received from the NFL or the NFL Management Council any communication disclosing that an NFL Club had negotiated with or is negotiating with any Restricted Free Agent, unless and until an Offer Sheet has been given to the Prior Club, or any Unrestricted Free Agent, prior to the execution of a Player Contract with that Unrestricted Free Agent, where such communication or disclosure is inconsistent with Article XXVIII (Anti-Collusion), Section 1. Upon receipt of each such certification, the NFL shall forward a copy of the certification to the NFLPA.

(e) Any failure to execute a certification as required under Section 2(d) above may be deemed evidence of a violation of Article XXVIII (Anti-Collusion), Section 1 of this Agreement.

Section 3. False Certification: Any person or Club who knowingly executes or files a false certification required by Sections 1(a), 1(b), 2(a), or 2(b) of this Article shall be subject to a fine of up to \$250,000, upon a finding of such violation by the Special Master. Authority to impose such a fine shall rest with

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the Special Master or the Commissioner, consistent with the allocation of authority in Article XXV (Enforcement Of The Salary Cap And Entering Player Pool), Section 6(b). Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no circumstances shall a fine under this section be imposed upon any person or Club if such person or Club is also being sanctioned for the same conduct under Article XXV, Section 6 above.

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Article XXX, Consultation and Information Sharing

ARTICLE XXX

CONSULTATION AND INFORMATION SHARING

Section 1. Consultation and Communications:

(a) In any Capped Year, during the period from March 1 through July 15, or the scheduled date of the first day of the first NFL training camp that season, whichever is later, of each League Year covered by this Agreement, the Executive Vice President for Labor Relations of the NFL (or his designee) shall meet in person or by telephone conference once a week with the General Counsel of the NFLPA (or his designee) for the purpose of reviewing each Club's Club Salary summary and advice regarding the interpretation of the Salary Cap rendered since the last such meeting, or as otherwise agreed to by the parties.

(b) Subject to any claim of attorney-client and/or work product privilege, any communications under this section may be referred to or used by the NFL or the NFLPA in any proceeding. By agreeing to this section, neither the NFL nor the NFLPA intends to waive or shall be deemed to have waived any attorney-client or other privilege with respect to any communications.

Section 2. Salary Summaries: During the period between March 1 and the first day of the regular season during any Capped Year, the NFL shall provide the NFLPA with Salary and Team Salary summaries for each Team on a weekly basis. Upon the first date of the regular season and during the remainder of any Capped Year, such information shall be provided as often as it is prepared for use by the NFL (but no less often than once each month). Prior to the first day of the regular season during any Uncapped Year, the NFL shall provide the NFLPA with an estimate of Projected DGR, and a revised estimate on the first day of each month thereafter in any such year.

Section 3. Notice of Invalid Contract: If the NFL informs a Club that a proposed player transaction would be inconsistent with or in violation of the terms of the Settlement Agreement or this Agreement as interpreted by the NFL, the NFL shall promptly notify the NFLPA that such an interpretation has been communicated and the basis for such interpretation. The NFL shall provide such notice as soon as possible, but in no event later than five (5) business days following the communication of such interpretation to the Club.

Section 4. Neutral Verifier: The NFLPA shall designate, subject to the reasonable approval of the NFL, a third party to serve as the neutral verifier of Player Contract offers (the "Neutral Verifier"). A Club that wishes to verify a Player Contract offer may contact the Neutral Verifier and request him or her to contact the Club that is asserted to have extended the offer, to verify the terms and conditions of the offer. The Neutral Verifier shall prompt-

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ly contact the offering Club to ascertain such terms and conditions, and shall promptly advise the inquiring Club of such information, and shall promptly advise the affected player of the inquiry and the information communicated. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall be by telephone or telecopy, and the costs of the Neutral Verifier shall be equally borne by the NFL on the one hand, and the NFLPA on the other hand.

Section 5. Copies: Within five (5) business days of their receipt by the NFL, the NFL shall provide to the NFLPA, at no expense, a copy of any and all Player Contracts and Offer Sheets that are entered into or extended during the term of this Agreement.

Section 6. Meetings: During each League Year covered by this Agreement, the Executive Vice President for Labor Relations of the NFL (or his designee) shall meet once a month with the Executive Director of the NFLPA (or his designee), for the purpose of reviewing the implementation of this Agreement.

Article XXXI, Expansion

ARTICLE XXXI EXPANSION

Section 1. Veteran Allocation: The Clubs may determine during the term of this Agreement to expand the number of Clubs and to have existing Clubs make available for assignment to the expansion Clubs the contracts of a certain number of veteran players, up to an average of three per Club, excluding any player who has a no trade clause in his Player Contract.

Section 2. Additional Compensatory Picks: The Clubs may decide the selection position for expansion teams in the college draft, and may allocate to each expansion Club additional special draft selections in the drafts held prior to each of the first three seasons in which the expansion Clubs will participate in regular league play, up to a maximum of one additional such special draft selection for each expansion Club in each round of the draft in each such year.

Section 3. Entering Player Pool Adjustment: The Entering Player Pool, and the Rookie Allocation for each expansion team, will be adjusted to account for draft selections awarded to expansion teams pursuant to Section 2.

Section 4. Relocation Bonus: Any Veteran player selected in any expansion allocation during the term of this Agreement will receive a bonus of \$20,000 upon reporting to the expansion Club for pre-season training camp, and an additional bonus of \$30,000 upon being placed on the Active or Inactive List, or remaining on the Injured Reserved List, after the beginning of the first regular season game played by the expansion Club. The total amounts paid to players pursuant to this Section shall not be included as Player Costs, Benefits, or Salary under Article XXIV (Guaranteed League-wide Salary, Salary Cap & Minimum Team Salary) of this Agreement.

ARTICLE XXXII OTHER PROVISIONS

Section 1. CFL Rule: No Club may sign any player who in the same year has been under contract to a Canadian Football League ("CFL") club at the end of that CFL club's season (regular season or postseason, whichever is applicable).

Section 2. Physically Unable to Perform: Any player placed on a Physically Unable to Perform list ("PUP") will be paid his full salary while on such list. His contract will not be tolled for the period he is on PUP, except in the last year of his contract, when the player's contract will be tolled if he is still physically unable to perform his football services as of the sixth regular season game.

Section 3. Non-Football Injury: A player who is placed on a Non-Football Injury or Illness list ("N-F/I") will not be entitled to any compensation under his contract while on such list but, except as provided below, his contract will continue to run while in such status.

A player on N-F/I who is in the final year of his contract (including an option year) will have his contract tolled. However, if the player is physically able to perform his football services on or before the sixth regular season game, the club must pay the player his negotiated salary (pro rata) for the balance of the season in order to toll such player's contract. If such player is taken off NF/I during the period when such action is allowed by League rules, his contract will not be tolled.

Section 4. Roster Exemption:

(a) Certain Players Not Under Contract. After the final roster reduction a Club must agree in writing with an unsigned player who is either an Unrestricted Free Agent, Transition Player, or Franchise Player, prior to signing a Player Contract with such player, on what compensation, if any, the player will be paid if he is placed in a roster exempt status.

(b) Players Under Contract. If a Club obtains a roster exemption for a player under contract who does not report to his Club until after the first roster reduction, the player will not be entitled to pre-season or regular season compensation until such exemption is removed, provided the player is given written notice of such fact upon reporting to the Club. If such notice is not given to the player, the player must be paid his salary during his exemption.

(c) Restricted Players. Any player whose contract has expired and who either (i) has two but less than three Accrued Seasons or (ii) is a Restricted Free Agent pursuant to Article XIX (Veteran Free Agency), Section 2, and who has been given the required tender pursuant to Article XVIII (Veterans With Less Than Three Accrued Seasons), Section 2, or Article XIX

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(Veteran Free Agency), Sections 2(b)(i) or (ii), and who has not signed a contract and has not reported to his Club's pre-season training camp, may be placed on the roster exempt list of his Club under the following conditions:

(i) If the player has not reported at least the day before the Club's second pre-season game, he may be placed on roster exempt until the day following the Club's first regular season game.

(ii) If the player has not reported at least the day before the Club's third pre-season game, he may be placed on roster exempt until the day following the Club's second regular season game.

(iii) If the player has not reported at least the day before the Club's fourth pre-season game, he may be placed on roster exempt until the day following the third regular season game scheduled after the date he actually reports.

* [A]ny player who is placed on the roster exempt list of his Club, pursuant to Article XXXII, Section 4(c) of the CBA, shall be entitled to full compensation from his Club for any week in which his Club has a "bye" after the date he reports, but while he is still on the roster exempt list. Thus, any such player may not lose more than three weeks of salary as a result of being placed on the roster exempt list. This agreement shall not affect the number of regular season games for which the player can be placed on the roster exempt list, and thus for which the player may not play for his Club, in accordance with subsections (i) through (iii) of Article XXXII, Section 4(c) of the CBA. Nothing herein shall affect any right or obligation the player or Club otherwise may have concerning compensation to the player.

*Side Letter 1/18/94

No player may be placed on roster exempt under this subsection unless the Club has provided written notice to the player and the NFLPA of its intent to place the player on roster exempt at least five days prior to the Club's second preseason game. Once such written notice is provided, the Club must place the player on roster exempt in accordance with (i) through (iii) above. For purposes of this Article, extra pre-season games such as the Canton Hall of Fame Game and the American Bowl shall not count. When placed on roster exempt pursuant to this subsection, the player shall not be entitled to compensation.

(d) Except as provided in subsection (c) above, for purposes of this Section, roster exemptions shall be for no more than two weeks of the regular season.

ARTICLE XXXIII SQUAD SIZE

Section 1. Active List: For each regular season, the Active List limit will be 45 players per Club. This limit may not be reduced by the Clubs for the duration of this Agreement; provided, however, that individual Clubs may carry less than 45 players on their Active Lists during the regular season, but at no time less than 42.

Section 2. Pre-Season: The pre-season cutdown dates and active player limits on such dates will be as determined by the Clubs. In the event the Clubs make a determination during the term of this Agreement that they wish to institute a “down-and-up” once during the pre-season, they may do so, provided that the active player limit may not be reduced below 40 at any time during the pre-season and the Active List limit must return to 45 by the start of the regular season.

Section 3. Inactive List: Inactive List players will receive the same benefits and protections as Active List players.

Section 4. Active and Inactive List Limit: In any League Year, a Club’s Active and Inactive Lists shall not exceed 53 players.

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ARTICLE XXXIV PRACTICE SQUADS

Section 1. Practice Squads: For each regular season, the League may elect in accordance with this Article to establish practice squads not to exceed five (5) players per Club.

Section 2. Signing With Other Clubs: Any player under contract to a Club as a practice squad player shall be completely free to negotiate and sign a Player Contract with any Club at any time during the League Year, to serve as a player on any Club's Active or Inactive List, and any Club is completely free to negotiate and sign such a Player Contract with such player, without penalty or restriction, including, but not limited to, Draft Choice Compensation between Clubs or First Refusal Rights of any kind, or any signing period, except that such player shall not be permitted to sign a Player Contract with another Club to serve as a practice squad player while under contract as a practice squad player.

Section 3. Salary: Minimum salary for a practice squad player shall be \$4,000 per week for the 2002 League Year, \$4,350 for the 2003-04 League Years, and \$4,700 for the 2005-07 League Years including postseason weeks in which his Club is in the playoffs.

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Section 4. Eligibility:

(a) The practice squad shall consist of the following players, provided that they have not served more than one previous season on a Practice Squad: (i) players who do not have an Accrued Season of NFL experience; and (ii) free agent players who were on the Active List for fewer than nine regular season games during their only Accrued Season(s). No player may be a practice squad player for more than two seasons.

(b) A player shall be deemed to have served on a Practice Squad in a season if he has passed the club's physical and has been a member of a club's Practice Squad for at least three regular season or postseason games (a bye week counts as a game provided that the player is not terminated until after the regular season or postseason weekend in question).

* If a player on the Practice Squad of one club (Club A) signs an NFL Player Contract with another club (Club B), (1) the player shall receive three weeks salary of his NFL Player Contract at the 53-player Active/Inactive List minimum even if he is terminated by Club B prior to earning that amount, and (2) Club B is required to count the player on its 53-player Active/Inactive List for three

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games (a bye week counts as a game) even if he is terminated or assigned via waivers to another club or is signed as a free agent to another club's 53-player roster or another club's Practice Squad prior to that time. If the player is terminated from Club B's 53-player roster and signed to Club B's Practice Squad, he shall continue to count on the club's 53-player Active/Inactive List but shall not count against the five-player Practice Squad limit until the three-game requirement has been fulfilled. If a player is terminated prior to the completion of the three-game period and is signed to Club B's Practice Squad or is signed or assigned to another club's 53-player roster or Practice Squad, any salary (as that term is defined in Article XXIV, Section 1(c)) that he receives from any NFL club applicable to the three-game period shall be an offset against the three weeks salary that he is entitled to receive from Club B.

*Side Letter 8/18/97

Article XXXV Off-Season Workouts

ARTICLE XXXV OFF-SEASON WORKOUTS

Section 1. Voluntary Workouts: No player shall be required to attend or participate in any off-season workout program or classroom instruction of a Club other than as provided in Article XXXVI (Minicamps). Any other Club off-season workout programs and classroom instruction sessions shall be *strictly* voluntary and take place in the manner and time period set forth in this Article.

Section 2. Time Periods:

(a) *Subject to the limitations in subsection (b) below, from the end of the previous NFL season until the opening of training camp, Clubs may schedule or conduct off-season workout programs for no more than fourteen total weeks, and no more than four workouts per week, for any individual player. Such workout programs shall not be permitted on weekends. During such workout programs, there may be no more than fourteen (14) days of organized team practice activity, to be defined by the Player/Club Operations Committee. Nothing herein shall prevent a Club from permitting an individual player to work-out on his own on weekends using Club facilities if he wishes to do so.*

(b) *Each year off-season workout programs may not begin, and players may not be asked to voluntarily attend any such program, earlier than a date to be agreed upon by the Management Council and the NFLPA, and announced before the conclusion of the prior regular season; for 2002 only, that date is agreed to be March 25, 2002. Each year on a date to be agreed upon by the parties, each Club shall provide the Management Council and the NFLPA with the Club's schedule for its off-season workout program that year, and shall advise the Management Council and the NFLPA in writing in advance of any changes to that schedule.*

(c) *During the off-season program period, except for the fourteen days of organized team practice activity and mini-camps, players may be (1) at the Club facility no more than four hours per day, no more than four days per week, and not during weekends; and (2) on the field no more than ninety minutes per day. In addition, the Club may not specify to any player more than two specific hours a day during which it suggests that the player be at club facilities. Any player participating in an off-season workout program may select the other two hours in which he wishes to attend to conduct his weight training, etc., as long as he does so during the hours of operations of the Club's weight room.*

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Section 3. Payment: Each player shall receive at least the following amounts per day for any workouts or classroom instruction in which he participates pursuant to a Club's voluntary off-season workout program, provided the player fulfills the Club's reasonable off-season workout re-

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quirements: \$90 during the 2002 League Year; \$100 during the 2003-04 League Years; \$110 for the 2005-06 League Years; and \$120 for the 2007 League Year.

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Section 4. Injuries: Any player injured during off-season workouts will be protected in the same manner as if injured during the Club's pre-season training camp, provided he is working out at the Club's facility under the direction of a Club official.

Section 5. Miscellaneous: No Club official shall indicate to a player that the Club's off-season workout program or classroom instruction is not voluntary (or that a player's failure to participate in a workout program or classroom instruction will result in the player's failure to make the Club). Contact work (e.g., "live" blocking, tackling, pass rushing, bump-and-run) is expressly prohibited in all off-season workouts. All Clubs, coaches and other Club officials shall follow all of the rules regarding off-season workouts set forth in Appendix L hereto.

Section 6. Pre-Training Camp Period: During the ten consecutive days immediately prior to the mandatory veteran reporting date for each Club's pre-season training camp (as specified in Article XXXVII, Section 5), no veteran player (other than (i) quarterbacks and (ii) other players who (1) were on the Injured Reserve, Physically Unable to Perform or Non-Football Injury or Illness list at the end of the previous season; or (2) failed a physical examination given by a team physician at any time after the last game of the previous season; or (3) sustained a football-related or non-football-related injury or illness during the off-season; or (4) had surgery during the off-season regarding a football or non-football-related condition regardless of when such condition arose) shall be permitted to participate in any organized workouts or other organized football activity of any kind, or any football activity with any coach, on either a voluntary or involuntary basis, in connection with or on behalf of the Club or Club Affiliate. This prohibition shall apply notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, or any provision in any Player Contract. Notwithstanding the above, nothing in this Section shall prevent any player from using any Club facility, subject to League rules and the Club's permission, to work out on his own at any time on a voluntary basis without the participation of any coach, trainer or other Club personnel. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit organized player activity in personal appearances or promotional activities on behalf of the Club or the League which have been agreed to by the player.

** Invited Rookies will be permitted by their respective Clubs to attend the NFL Players Rookie Premiere provided that: (i) such event is scheduled during the month of May; (ii) such*

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event encompasses a maximum of four consecutive days, including both a Saturday and a Sunday; and (iii) the NFLPA provides the Management Council with the dates for the next Rookie Premiere not later than February 1 of each year.

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Section 7. Enforcement:

(a) The head coach, who is responsible for any conduct in violation of Sections 5 or 6 of this Article (including but not limited to the rules in Appendix L), shall be subject to a fine to be determined by the Commissioner, which fine(s) shall not be reimbursable by the Club or any other person. The NFLPA and any player involved in any such violation shall each have the right to enforce Sections 5 or 6 of this Article (including but not limited to the rules in Appendix L), through an expedited non-injury grievance arbitration proceeding conducted pursuant to Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance) without charge to the four (4) grievances referenced in the third and fourth sentences of Section 4 of that Article. As soon as practicable after the commencement of any such proceeding, the NFLPA shall be provided with all tape, film, or other recorded evidence of any workout that is the subject of the proceeding. In the event that the Arbitrator finds any violation of Sections 5 or 6 of this Article (including but not limited to the rules in Appendix L), the Commissioner shall promptly impose the fine upon the head coach, and the League shall promptly provide the NFLPA with written evidence that the fine has been paid and donated to a qualified charitable organization. Any head coach who is the subject of a proceeding under this section shall have the right to participate in the proceeding and defend himself. It shall be an absolute defense if the head coach proves that the team's actions were based on a good faith interpretation of Sections 5 and 6 of this Article, and the rules set forth in Appendix L.

(b)(i) *The Management Council and the NFLPA shall each designate one or more representatives to investigate claims of violations of the rules set forth above or any other rules relating to off-season workouts set forth in this Agreement. At the request of either party, these representatives will inspect appropriate areas of Club facilities without notice to the Club and, upon request from any representative, shall be provided, as quickly as reasonably possible, with copies of film or other documentation any representative deems relevant to any possible violation.*

(ii) *Within forty-eight (48) hours of the commencement of a complaint by the NFLPA to the Management Council, or sooner if practical, the Executive Director of the NFLPA and the Executive Vice President-Labor Relations of the NFL shall be advised of the status of the complaint and these persons shall attempt to determine if a violation occurred. If they are unable to agree upon the outcome, the matter will be immediately referred to a non-injury grievance arbitrator who will render a decision within forty-eight hours of the submission of the dispute. If the arbitrator determines that a violation has occurred, or if the Executive Director of the NFLPA and the Executive Vice President-Labor Relations of the NFL agree*

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that a violation has occurred, the next scheduled week of the Club's off-season program shall be cancelled, excluding mini-camps, and no player may work out at any team facility during the cancelled week. However, in such event, players participating in the Club's off-season program shall be deemed to have participated in the required number of days for the cancelled week in order to qualify for off-season workout pay. If the arbitrator finds two separate violations of these rules in the same League Year, the Commissioner shall cause the Club to forfeit a fourth-round draft selection in the next draft in which the Club has such a selection. No conduct occurring prior to the date upon which any non-injury grievance is filed under these rules may serve as the basis for a finding of a second violation by a Club; a second violation by a Club in the same League Year must be predicated upon facts arising after the grievance alleging the first violation has been filed.

(iii) Except as provided in the fourth preceding sentence, these limitations on off-season workouts shall not preclude any player from working out on his own at any time, including weekends. Except as expressly provided in the 2002 amendments to this Article or in the 2002 amendments to Appendix L hereto, all prior rules in this Agreement concerning off-season workouts will continue to apply. By agreeing to the sanctions in this subsection (b), the parties have not waived or affected their respective positions as to the issue of the Commissioner's authority to impose discipline, including the forfeiture of draft choices, for conduct within the scope of his authority under the Constitution and Bylaws.

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Article XXXVI Minicamps

**ARTICLE XXXVI
MINICAMPS**

Section 1. Number: Each League Year each Club may hold a maximum of one mandatory minicamp for veteran players. If a Club hires a new head coach after the end of the regular season, that Club may hold two additional voluntary minicamps for veteran players. There is no limitation on the number of minicamps a Club may hold for rookie players.

Section 2. Length: No minicamp may exceed three days in length, plus one day for physical examinations. If possible, minicamps should be scheduled for weekends and not in conflict with previously scheduled meetings of the NFLPA Board of Reps or the annual NFLPA convention.

Section 3. Expenses: Any veteran player who attends a minicamp will receive meal allowances in accordance with Article XXXIX (Meal Allowance), Section 1 of this Agreement, plus all travel expenses to and from the camp, plus "per diem" payments at the rate provided in Article XXXVII (Salaries), Section 4 of this Agreement. In addition, the Club will provide housing at minicamps for players coming from out-of-town.

Section 4. Contact: There will be no contact work (e.g., "live" blocking, tackling, pass rushing, bump-and-run) or use of pads (helmets permitted) at minicamps.

Section 5. Injuries: Any player injured in a Club's minicamp will be protected in the same manner as if injured during the Club's pre-season training camp.

Article XXXVII Pre-Season Training Camps

**ARTICLE XXXVII
PRE-SEASON TRAINING CAMPS**

Section 1. Definition: For purposes of this Article, a “rookie player” is defined as any player who has not completed one season in which a year of Credited Service under the Bert Bell or Pete Rozelle Plan has been earned, and a “veteran player” is defined as any player who has completed one or more seasons in which a year of Credited Service has been earned under such Plan(s).

Section 2. Room and Board: All players will receive room and board during the pre-season training camp, and housing between training camp and the Tuesday prior to their Club’s first regular season game for those players who have not as yet established residence in the Team city.

Section 3. Rookie Per Diem: During the term of this Agreement, a rookie player will receive “per diem” payments at the rate of \$725 per week in the 2002-03 League Years, \$750 per week in the 2004 League Year, \$775 per week in the 2005-06 League Years, and \$800 per week in the 2007 League Year, commencing with the first day of preseason training camp and ending one week prior to the Club’s first regular season game.

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Section 4. Veteran Per Diem: During the term of this Agreement, a veteran player will receive “per diem” payments at the rate of \$900 per week in the 2000-03 League Years, \$1,000 per week in the 2004 League Year, and \$1,100 per week in the 2005-07 League Years, commencing with the first day of pre-season training camp and ending one week prior to the Club’s first regular season game, and an additional \$200 per week during the pre-season, commencing with the Club’s first pre-season game (exclusive of the Canton Hall of Fame Game and any International Game) and ending one week prior to the Club’s first regular season game.

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Section 5. Reporting: No veteran player other than quarterbacks and injured players, will be required to report to a Club’s official pre-season training camp earlier than fifteen (15) days (including one day for physical examinations) prior to its first scheduled pre-season game or July 15, whichever is later. The July 15 date will not apply to Clubs participating in the Canton Hall of Fame Game or any American Bowl game scheduled around the Canton Hall of Fame Game date.

Section 6. Number of Pre-Season Games: The NFL will use its best efforts to hold no more than four pre-season games.

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Section 7. Telephones: Whenever possible, a player will be permitted to have a telephone in his room at pre-season training camp at his own expense.

Section 8. Expenses: Clubs will reimburse all players under contract for reasonable traveling expenses incurred in reaching training camp from the players' residences, upon submission of vouchers. There will be no deductions by the Clubs for these payments. Players who are released by a Club will be reimbursed for their return trips to their residences, upon submission of vouchers.

ARTICLE XXXVIII SALARIES

Sections 1-5. [no longer applicable]

Section 6. Minimum Salaries After The 2001 League Year:

(a) After the 2001 League Year, the Paragraph 5 Salary of any player on a Club's Active/Inactive List at any time during the regular season will be not less than the following:

League Year	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Less than One Credited Season	225	225	230	230	235	235
One Credited Season	300	300	305	305	310	310
Two Credited Seasons	375	375	380	380	385	385
Three Credited Seasons	450	450	455	455	460	460
Four-Six Credited Seasons	525	530	535	540	545	545
Seven-Nine Credited Seasons	650	655	660	665	670	670
Ten or more Credited Seasons	750	755	760	765	770	770

(all amounts in thousands of dollars)

(b) After the 2001 League Year, the Minimum Salary of any player not on a Club's Active/Inactive List (excluding practice squad) shall be as follows:

League Year	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Less than One Credited Season	130	130	135	135	140	140
One Credited Season	145	145	150	150	155	155
Two Credited Seasons	160	160	165	165	170	170
Three Credited Seasons	200	200	205	205	210	210
Four-Six Credited Seasons	225	225	230	230	235	235
Seven-Nine Credited Seasons	250	250	255	255	260	260
Ten or more Credited Seasons	275	275	280	280	285	285

(all amounts in thousands of dollars)

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Section 7. Credited Season: For purposes of calculating Credited Seasons under this Article only, a player shall earn one Credited Season for each season during which he was on, or should have been on, full pay status for a total of three or more regular season games, but which, irrespective of the player's pay status, shall not include games for which this player was on: (i) the Exempt Commissioner Permission List; (ii) the Reserve PUP List as a result of a non-football injury; (iii) a Club's Practice or Developmental Squad; or (iv) a Club's Injured Reserve List.

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Section 8. Other Compensation: A player will be entitled to receive a signing or reporting bonus, additional salary payments, incentive bonuses and such other provisions as may be negotiated between his Club (with the assistance of the Management Council) and the player or his NFLPA-certified agent. The Club and the player or his NFLPA-certified agent will negotiate in good faith over such other compensation; provided, however, that a Club will not be required to deal with the player or his NFLPA-certified agent on a collective or tandem basis for two or more players on that Club. Nothing in this Section will be affected by Article III (Scope of Agreement), Section 2.

Section 9. Arbitration: The question of whether or not the Club, the Management Council, the player or his NFLPA-certified agent has engaged in good faith negotiations over such other compensation may be the subject of a non-injury grievance under Article IX (Non-Injury Grievance). If the arbitrator finds that any party did not engage in good faith negotiations, he may enter a cease and desist order; provided, however, that the arbitrator may not compel any party to agree to anything or require the making of a concession by any party in negotiations.

Section 10. Payment: Unless agreed upon otherwise between the Club and the player, each player will be paid at the rate of 100% of his salary in equal weekly or bi-weekly installments over the course of the regular season commencing with the first regular season game. Nothing in this Article invalidates or otherwise affects any deferred compensation arrangement or any other method of payment which may have been entered into between a Club and a player or which after the execution of this Agreement may be negotiated between a Club and the player or his NFLPA-certified agent.

Section 11. Deferred Paragraph 5: A Player Contract may provide for deferral of no more than 50% of the player's Salary up to and including a total of the first \$1 million, and may provide for deferral of no more than 75% of the player's Salary in excess of \$1 million.

Section 12. Number of Regular Season Games: The League and/or Clubs cannot at any time during this Agreement increase the number of regular season games per team from the standard of sixteen (16) without providing ninety (90) days notice in writing to the NFLPA and thereafter negotiating with the NFLPA with regard to additional compensation to be paid to players for additional regular season games. If the parties are unable to agree on additional compensation within thirty (30) days after notice has been given, the issue of additional compensation may be submitted by either party to the Impartial Arbitrator under Article XXVII (Impartial Arbitrator) for an expedited hearing and a final and binding decision. The Impartial Arbitrator will have the full authority to decide the amount of additional compensation to which the players will be entitled. In no event will

the regular season be extended during this Agreement to include more than eighteen (18) games per team.

Section 13. Copies of Contracts: In connection with the NFLPA's exclusive right to represent all players in its bargaining unit in negotiations with NFL Clubs, it is agreed and understood that: (a) copies of all contracts signed by Rookie and Veteran players will be provided to the NFLPA within five (5) days of their receipt by the Management Council; and (b) all information in such contracts will be made available to all Clubs by the Management Council. Any dispute regarding compliance of (a) above shall be resolved by the Impartial Arbitrator. The determination of the Impartial Arbitrator shall be made within ten (10) days of the application, and shall consider all information relating to such dispute submitted by such date. The determination of the Impartial Arbitrator shall be final and Clubs are prohibited from negotiating for or insisting upon any confidentiality clauses in Player Contracts.

Section 14. Split Contracts:

- (a) *[no longer applicable]*
- (b) After the point in the regular season at which a player with four or more Accrued Seasons who signed his Player Contract when he was a Restricted Free Agent has been placed on the Active List of his Club, he must for the balance of that regular season be paid his Active List salary if he is thereafter placed on the Inactive List, whether or not his Player Contract calls for a lower salary if he is placed on the Inactive List.

Section 15. Funding of Deferred and Guaranteed Contracts: The NFL may continue to adhere to its existing requirement that by a prescribed date certain, each Club must deposit into a segregated account the present value, calculated using as a discount rate the one year Treasury Note rate as published in The Wall Street Journal on February 1 of each year, of the gross amount, less \$1,000,000, of deferred and guaranteed compensation owed by that Club with respect to Club funding of Player Contracts involving deferred or guaranteed compensation; provided, however, that with respect to guaranteed contracts, the amount of unpaid compensation for past or future services to be included in the funding calculation shall not exceed seventy-five (75%) percent of the total amount of the contract compensation. The present value of any future years' salary payable to a player pursuant to an injury guarantee provision in his NFL Player Contract(s), shall not be considered owed by a Club under this Section until after the Club has acknowledged that the player's injury qualifies him to receive the future payments.

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ARTICLE XXXVIII-A MINIMUM SALARY BENEFIT

Section 1. Qualifying Players: For purposes of this Article, a "Qualifying Player" shall be defined as a player with four or more Credited Seasons, whose contract has expired or been terminated, who signs a Qualifying Contract.

Section 2. Qualifying Contracts: For purposes of this section, a "Qualifying Contract" shall be defined as a Player Contract signed by a Qualifying Player that (a) covers only a single League Year and (b) contains no terms that affect compensation in any way other than (1) the applicable minimum Paragraph 5 Salary, (2) up to \$25,000 in additional compensation (e.g., signing bonus allocation, roster, report, or any incentive (LTBE or not)), and/or (3) a guarantee for salary and/or Salary advance of up to the Minimum Salary for a player with three Credited Seasons (e.g., \$450,000 in 2002). Thus, for example, a contract that includes an option year is not a Qualifying Contract. Similarly, a Qualifying Contract may not be extended or renegotiated in any manner. Split contracts, if they otherwise qualify, may be Qualifying Contracts. If the player's prior contract was terminated, he is eligible to sign a Qualifying Contract if he does not earn more than \$25,000 in additional compensation less the amount of any additional compensation and/or guaranteed Salary earned during that League Year under the terminated years of his prior contract(s), but his combined compensation from the terminated contract(s) earned for that League Year and the Qualifying Contract cannot exceed the applicable minimum for that League Year plus \$25,000 in additional compensation.

Section 3. Transition Rules: A multi-year contract signed prior to December 1, 2001, shall be a Qualifying Contract if all other requirements (other than the requirement that the player's contract has expired or been terminated) are met, including, but not limited to, the applicable minimum, no more than \$25,000 in additional compensation in any League Year of the contract (e.g., signing bonus allocation, roster, report, or any incentive (LTBE or not)) and/or a guarantee for salary and/or Salary advance of up to the minimum salary for a player with three Credited Seasons (e.g., \$450,000 in the 2002 League Year). The total amount specified for each League Year under the contract cannot exceed the applicable minimum for such League Year plus \$25,000 in additional compensation for such League Year. For example, a player with 11 Credited Seasons who signed a two-year contract prior to December 1, 2001 containing Paragraph 5 salaries of \$477,000 in 2001 and \$750,000 in 2002, and no more than \$25,000 in additional compensation in either year, would qualify for the benefit. If the same Player Contract had additional compensation in excess of \$25,000 in each or either year, the contract would not qualify.

Section 4. Payments: Players with Qualifying Contracts shall be paid 1/17th of the specified minimum salary on a weekly basis (e.g., 1/17 of \$750,000 per week in the 2002 League Year for a player with ten or more Credited Seasons).

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Section 5. Reduced Salary Cap Count: Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement, the Salary Cap count for a Qualifying Contract shall be the same as the minimum salary for a player with three Credited Seasons. For split "Qualifying Contracts," the Salary Cap count will equal either the difference between the player's minimum salary and the full minimum salary for players with three Credited Seasons (if the player is on an Active/Inactive List) or the difference between the player's split minimum salary and the split minimum for players with three Credited Seasons (if the player is not on an Active/Inactive List).

Section 6. Minimum Salary Benefit Calculation: The difference between the Salary Cap count for a Qualifying Contract and the stated minimum for the Qualifying Player's years of service shall be counted as a Player Benefit ("the Minimum Salary Benefit"). For example, in the 2002 League Year, a Qualifying Player with five Credited Seasons shall receive a Minimum Salary of \$525,000; however, only \$450,000 shall count against his Club's Team Salary. The difference of \$75,000 shall be counted as a Player Benefit and paid out of a League-wide benefit pool. Similarly, for example, in the 2002 League Year, a Qualifying Player with 12 Credited Seasons shall receive a Minimum Salary of \$750,000; however, only \$450,000 shall count against his Club's Team Salary. The difference of \$300,000 shall be counted as a Player Benefit and paid out of a League-wide benefit pool.

Section 7. League-wide Salary Cap Treatment: At the start of each League Year, the Minimum Salary Benefit will be projected on a League-wide basis (i.e., the projected total number of Qualifying Contracts in each category multiplied by their respective benefits) and deducted from the calculation of the Salary Cap in the same manner as any other Player Benefit. At the end of each League Year, the projected benefit will be reconciled to the actual benefit and the difference will be added to or subtracted from the following year's Player Benefit projection.

Section 8. League-wide Cash Treatment: At the end of each League Year, the actual Minimum Salary Benefit spent on a League-wide basis (i.e., the actual total number of Qualifying Contracts in each category multiplied by their respective benefits) and divided by the number of Clubs in the League will be calculated to derive the Average Minimum Salary Benefit. If the total actual Minimum Salary Benefit allocated to a Club exceeds the Average Minimum Salary Benefit, the Club will be responsible to pay the difference. If a Club's total actual Minimum Salary Benefit is below the Average Minimum Salary Benefit, the Club will receive a credit.

Section 9. Terminated Qualifying Players: If his contract is terminated, a Qualifying Player may sign a Qualifying Contract with any "New Club" (defined as any Club that did not hold contractual rights to the player's services on the final day of the prior regular season or last postseason game).

Section 10. Players Moving to New Club: In the event that a player signs a Qualifying Contract with a "New Club," the player cannot be traded back to the

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"Old Club" during that League Year unless the player's prior contract(s) with the Old Club meets the requirements of Section 11 below. In the event that the player signs a Qualifying Contract with a New Club and the Qualifying Contract is terminated by the New Club, the player may sign a Qualifying Contract with his Old Club. Nothing in the foregoing shall prevent a player from signing a contract with his Old Club if the Old Club does not seek to have the contract treated as a Qualifying Contract.

Section 11. Player Returning to Old Club: A player whose prior contract was terminated may sign a Qualifying Contract with his "Old Club" (defined as the Club that held contractual rights to the player's services on the final day of the prior regular season or last postseason game), provided that the Old Club did not, on or after January 1 in the calendar year that preceded the calendar year in which his contract was terminated, (a) renegotiate and/or extend his prior contract to increase or guarantee compensation or to convert non-guaranteed compensation to a signing bonus allocation, for more than \$25,000 in any League Year of the contract for which the player has received or will receive compensation, or (b) sign the player to a new multi-year contract for more than the applicable Minimum Salary in any League Year of the contract plus \$25,000 in additional compensation in any League Year of the contract for which the player has received or will receive compensation, and further provided that (c) the sum of any acceleration from signing bonus that was agreed to in a contract executed on or after January 1 in the calendar year in which the contract was terminated and any other additional compensation that the player has received or will receive from that terminated contract does not exceed \$25,000. For purposes of the immediately preceding clause (c) only, any acceleration of signing bonus will be counted in the League Year of the contract's termination regardless of whether the contract was terminated before or after June 1, and signing bonus proration for the final League Year of a contract terminated after June 1 in the contract's next to last League Year will be considered to be accelerated. For example, if on January 1, 2002 a player signs a two-year contract for the minimum Paragraph 5 salary in both years and a \$50,000 signing bonus, and his contract is terminated on June 2, 2002, the player is not eligible to sign a 2002 Qualifying Contract with his Old Club because the sum of the acceleration of the 2003 prorated portion of the signing bonus (\$25,000) that was agreed to in the year of his contract termination and the 2002 prorated portion of signing bonus from that terminated contract (\$25,000) resulted in "additional compensation" of more than \$25,000 in 2002. However, if the contract was signed on December 1, 2001, and the contract is terminated on June 2, 2002, the player is eligible to sign a Qualifying Contract with his Old Club if that contract includes no other additional compensation.

Section 12. Players with Expired Contract: Upon the expiration of a Player Contract, the player may sign a Qualifying Contract with any Club.

Section 13. Guarantees: If a Qualifying Contract with guarantees is terminat-

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ed, the player shall continue to receive the guaranteed portion of the contract and that money shall continue to count against the Team's Salary Cap, but the benefit portion of the player's compensation (including the subsidy) shall cease. For example, if a player with a \$750,000 Qualifying Contract, which includes a \$450,000 Paragraph 5 guarantee, is terminated after the eighth week of the regular season, he receives \$450,000 of the \$750,000 Minimum Salary. If the player signs multiple guaranteed Qualifying Contracts covering the same League Year at the applicable Minimum Salary, the maximum guaranteed salary he can earn under all such Qualifying Contracts is \$450,000.

Section 14. Termination Pay: If a Qualifying Player is eligible for termination pay when he is released and subsequently files a claim, he shall receive the charged amount (e.g., \$450,000) plus the full benefit amount (e.g., \$200,000 for a player with a Paragraph 5 Minimum Salary of \$650,000). The player does not receive the benefit amount twice (i.e., \$850,000).

Section 15. No Benefit for Non-Qualifying Contracts: Contracts for players with four or more Credited Seasons who sign at the applicable minimum for that year plus more than \$25,000 in additional compensation (e.g., prorated signing bonus, etc.), or who otherwise do not qualify for the benefit, are not Qualifying Contracts. The Salary Cap count for such contracts will be in accordance with existing Salary Cap rules. There will be no Minimum Salary Benefit or reduced Salary Cap count for such contracts.

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* Per day off-season workout payments shall not be considered in determining "additional compensation" for purposes of this Article if such payments are at the minimum level prescribed by Article XXXV. For example, without limitation on any other example, if a 2002 Player Contract provides for off-season workout payments of \$90 per day for 14 four-day weeks, none of those payments (\$5,040) shall be considered "additional compensation." If, however, that Player Contract provides for off-season workout payments of \$91 per day, all of the workout payments (\$5,096) shall be included in determining "additional compensation." If a Player Contract provides for off-season workout bonus payments on a basis other than a per-day payment, such payments shall count as "additional compensation" but will not affect the treatment of any off-season workout payments at the minimum prescribed level. For example, without limitation on any other example, a player with a 2002 Player Contract that provides for a \$25,000 bonus payable to the player for participating in at least ten days of off-season workouts, in addition to the per-day minimum of \$90 and no other "additional compensation," has "addition-